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Assad arriving in
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POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent
Syrian President Hafez Assad
arrives in Cairo tomorrow for talks
with Egyptian President Anwar Sa-
dat on strategic, diplomatic and mili-
tary cooperation. Their last meet-
ings were at the recent Riyadh and
Cairo summit conferences where
they patched up their two-year-old
feud.
The Syrian leader has just ended
a three-day visit to Amman during
which Jordan and Syria moved
closer to eventual federal union.
Observers expected the Syrian
and Egyptian leaders to focus on
the projected reconvening of the
Geneva Middle East conference
while emphasizing their military
coordination in an apparent at-
tempt to build up pressure for an
overall settlement to the Israel-Arab
conflict — on Arab terms.
One of the central issues in the
Cairo talks will be the status of the
Palestine Liberation Organization
which Assad and King Hussein
tended to play down within the
context of the Arab front con-
fronting Israel. Sadat, however, has
no far held that the PLO should be
maintained in the forefront with
the aim of claiming the West Bank
and the Gaza Strip.
Unlike Sadat, Assad is said to be

less than enthusiastic over PLO
plans to set up a Palestinian gov-
ernment-in-exile in Cairo next month.
Assad reportedly holds that such a
move might undermine Jordan's
"legal and international standing,"
especially vis-a-vis the West Bank
under UN resolutions 242 and 338,
both of which govern efforts for a
Middle East settlement.
The Sadat-Assad policy coordina-
tion on the Middle East coincides
with growing Egyptian cooperation
with Saudi Arabia and Sudan over
what was being described as laying
the groundwork for an overall Arab
strategy on the various fronts, in-
cluding the Red Sea.
A Kuwaiti newspaper, "al-Anba,"
yesterday claimed that Saudi Arabia
has alerted its armed forces follow-
ing alleged Israeli violations of
North Yemen's air space over the
Bab el-Mandeb Straits at the
southern tip of the Red Sea. For
unexplained reasons, North Yemen's
President Ibrahim al-Hamdi last
night sent a special envoy to King
Hussein. Jordan has been playing a
focal role in providing military
know-how to almost every state in
the Arabian peninsula. Jordan's
military academies are currently
training army officers from various
Arab countries, including Syria.

Decision on Israel aid
after Dr. K returns

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — President Ford
is awaiting Secretary of State Henry
Kissinger's return to Washington
before reaching a final decision on
the amount of aid for Israel the
outgoing administration should in-
clude in the 1977 foreign aid bill.
Informed sources here said that
Kissinger, who returns tomorrow, is
recommending that the administra-
tion submit to Congress the same
amount of aid to Israel in the 1977
package, approximately \$1.5 billion.
No one here really believes the
outgoing administration will recom-
mend that more than \$1.5 billion be
included for Israel in the aid bill. But
Israel officials are pressing the
Americans not to reduce it below
that sum.
American officials, in explaining
why the \$2.3 billion aid request is
larger than necessary, are pointing
to the approximately 15 per cent
increase in Israel exports during
the current year.

Arab use
of threats,
dictates

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
The Arabs still pin their hopes
on a system of threats and attempts
to dictate to Israel, it emerges
from the Syrian and Egyptian re-
solutions approved by the General
Assembly, the Foreign Ministry
spokesman said in Jerusalem last
night after the vote.
The Arabs themselves stated that
the two resolutions should be read
together, the spokesman noted. The
purportedly moderate Egyptian re-
solution contains unacceptable ele-
ments, like the ignoring of Council
resolutions 242 and 338 and the bid
to get the PLO into the Geneva
conference by the back door.
According to the UN charter the
two hostile resolutions do not com-
mit Israel. They will spur Arab
extremism still further and hamper
progress towards Middle East peace,
the spokesman said. Israel is re-
solved to go to Geneva on the
basis of resolutions 242 and 338, and
with the participation of Egypt, Sy-
ria, Jordan and Israel only.
Diplomatic circles in Jerusalem
said that the fact Israel tabled its
own draft resolution (later with-
drawn) prevented the European
states from co-sponsoring the Egypt-
ian resolution.
Jerusalem will not go to Geneva
if the Arabs plan to attend with
an overall delegation whose pur-
pose is to include the PLO in one
form or another. Diplomatic circles
rejected Secretary-General Kurt
Waldheim's proposal (in a "New
York Times" interview) to have the
PLO attend in a working group.
Although an overall delegation as
such would not be ruled out, if it
had no covert intentions, Israel
would subsequently expect the is-
sues affecting each Arab country
to be discussed bilaterally with that
country, since only in that form
could details be discussed. Terms
like "representation of the Palestine
people" in place of the PLO would
not be acceptable, the diplomatic
circles said, since the General As-
sembly is on record that the PLO
is the sole representative of the
Palestine people.

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16 murder suspects
fight police in court

By YORAM HAMTERAH
Jerusalem Post Reporter
NAZARETH. — Police resorted to
tear-gas, clubs and fists yesterday
at the end of an unsuccessful six-
hour effort to get 16 murder sus-
pects to stop battling them long
enough to be charged in the District
Court here.
The 16 — all already serving
sentences for various minor crimes
— are accused of having carried
out a kangaroo-court "death sen-
tence" against fellow prisoner Yefet
Nagar at the Shatta Prison on June 27.
The group — the largest ever
charged in Israel for a single mur-
der — left the courthouse yester-
day shouting, "We won the first
round" after the judges decided to
postpone the trial.
Nagar, who had turned state's
witness in a drug trial, was killed
by three masked men who entered
his cell armed with iron bars
and knives while other prisoners
staged a fight in the prison's dining
hall.
The prosecution claims the 16
had formed an underworld court
which conducted a reign of terror at
Shatta and aimed at punishing or
eliminating prisoners who had turned
state's evidence.

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do you think
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my David...

Capital earned in Israel was
smuggled abroad and transferred
to the three foreign registered
companies. Documents found
among the possessions of finan-
cier William Rubinstein, who
committed suicide in Tel Aviv
last year, and testimony supplied
by his son Michael show that

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy with local rain mainly in north and central Israel.
Outlook for Shabbat: Partly cloudy.

	Yesterday's High/Low	Today's High/Low
Jerusalem	57/40	10-14
Golan	50/30	8-12
Nahariya	57/40	14-15
Safed	50/30	8-11
Haifa Port	60/40	17-20
Tiberias	70/50	14-21
Nazareth	70/50	12-15
Afula	65/45	12-15
Shomron	71/51	10-16
Tel Aviv	67/47	14-20
B-G Airport	65/45	12-15
Jericho	55/35	12-15
Gaza	65/45	12-15
Beer Sheva	49/29	8-15
Silat	49/29	8-15
Tiran Straits	45/25	13-24

Social and Personal

Trees in the Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles at Yad Vashem will be planted on Sunday, 11 a.m., to honour the late Stanislaw and Maria Jaskolska of Poland; the late Bronius Gutauskas of Lithuania (Germany); and Ljudevit and Nitra Karic of Czechoslovakia. The tree honouring the Jaskolskas will be planted by their daughter Anela Aulak, who now lives in France. All those honoured aided Jews during World War II at great risk to their own lives.

Former Prime Minister Golda Meir will speak at the Haifa Engineers Forum at 1 p.m. today.

Dr. Vasilios Tsarferis of the Department of Antiquities will deliver the first of the seventh lecture series on "Archaeological Sites, Their Problems and Suggested Solutions," sponsored by the Nelson Glueck School of Biblical Archaeology and the W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, at the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem, Sunday, December 12, at 3 p.m.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held tonight at Hechal Shalom in Jerusalem at 8 p.m. Speakers will be Rabbi Dr. Hyman Routenberg and Mr. Benjamin Av-Leah, of the Foreign Ministry. Cantor Arye Goldberg will lead the singing of zimrot. A Melave Malka programme will be held tomorrow at the same place at 8.00 p.m. with Mr. Shmuel Moyal, of the Foreign Ministry as guest speaker. Cantor Yehuda Leander will give a recital. The public is invited to both occasions.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 8.30 tonight at Ihud Shivat Zion, 88 Rehov Ezer Yehuda, Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Ya'acov Bar-Or, community leader, and Alex Levine, distinguished settler from South Africa.

The traditional Hanukkah-Bazaar in aid of the Solidaritätswerk will take place on Monday, December 13, at the Parents' Home in Ramat Chen, 185 Rehov Aluf David. Sale begins at 4 p.m. and all friends are invited.

THE FIRST COURSE in the country for training coordinators to organize volunteers opened on Tuesday in Bar Ilan University. Some 35 representatives of volunteer organizations and social services will attend 28 weekly lectures at the School of Social Work. The aim is to widen their knowledge and skills so as to make them more effective.

The unveiling of the tombstone of our beloved

MERTON MILLER

will take place at 3 p.m., Tuesday, December 14, at the old cemetery, Haifa.

Our sincere thanks to all who extended condolences.

The Family

AMERICAN MIZRACHI WOMEN

express our deep sympathy to the family of

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generous benefactor and friend

The students and staff of the Regina and Oscar Gruss School Kfar Batya, Raanana
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American Mizrahi Women

Hadassah, Women's Zionist Organization of America

Hadassah Medical Organization

Hadassah Council in Israel

Our sincere condolences to

DR. GIDEON MARIN

on the death of his

FATHER

on November 11, 1976

benjamin zadek

formerly of Berlin, born in Lodz and Lodz died in New York after protracted and severe suffering, at the age of 57. please inform all who were fond of him.

mirjam, dani, peter, walter, uri



Prime Minister Rabin chats with troops at the northern border.

(Sa'ar - Government Press Office)

RABIN IN NORTH

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, acting as Defence Minister in Shimon Peres' absence, yesterday toured the northern frontier accompanied by Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur, O/C Northern Command, Aluf Rafael Eytan and other senior officers.

Rabin visited army units and observed Lebanese territory from IDF posts. Traffic was stopped at the "Good Fence" infirmaries and the press was banned from the area

during the visit. Lebanese workers, including some of those who work at the infirmaries, were told to leave the area, and even the Lebanese nurse working at the Metulla infirmary was sent home.

But Rabin did not visit the Metulla infirmary and stayed with a nearby IDF unit. However, Police Minister Shlomo Hillel visited the Dovet infirmary.

Socialist leaders to attend Labour convention here

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Bid to keep them away from Jewish symposium

U.S. Jews denied Soviet entry visas

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Several prominent American Jews invited to take part in the Moscow symposium on Jewish culture have been denied entry visas to the USSR. Denmark's chief rabbi was told that he would not be able to come because all hotels in the Soviet capital are fully booked up just on the days for which the gathering has been scheduled.

The Soviets do not want any foreigners present in case they decide to prevent the opening of the three-day symposium on December 21 by a show of force. Hence, a number of prominent American Jews, including Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, have already been told that they cannot enter the USSR.

In the case of Denmark's chief rabbi, Bent Møller, he was informed by the Soviet tourist authorities that he would be able to visit the USSR, but that it would be impos-

sible for him to schedule his trip for December 21 to 24, as "by coincidence" no hotel rooms are available in Moscow on those days. Accommodation would be available at a later date, he was told.

Meanwhile, the symposium organizers were summoned to the Soviet Ministry of Culture in connection with their activities.

Among those summoned to the Ministry were Vladimir Frestin, Prof. Vennyamin Fain, Pavel Abramovits, and Vladimir Lazarski.

The symposium organizers were received by the Deputy Soviet Minister of Culture, Vladimir Popov, who told them that their symposium is in violation of Soviet law and contradicts established procedure.

Popov insisted that Jews have "plenty of outlets for cultural expression within the Soviet system," and said he saw no reason for the symposium and the fuss made about it in the world.

He also told the organizers that the planned symposium could hardly be considered a gathering devoted purely to cultural problems "because the Zionists view culture nationally."

Popov's remarks fell with earlier KGB warnings that should the symposium actually get under way, the organizers would lay themselves open for trial on charges of anti-Soviet activity. The organizers, however, have already declared that they will go ahead with their plans.

It was also learned yesterday that seven U.S. scientists, who were invited by the Soviets, have cancelled their tours to the USSR because the Russians have refused an entry visa to Prof. Joshua Fischman of New York's Yeshiva University, who had been invited to the Jewish symposium.

The Soviets are also reported to have recently stepped up the jamming of short wave broadcasts from Israel, particularly of the 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. newscasts.

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By JUDY SIEGEL
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allegations that you do not enjoy confidence and support of American Jewry. I greatly value your leadership and initiatives and look forward to continued work with (you) for a long time to come."

Faye Schenk of the American Zionist Federation writes that Almogi "has given full support to our federation... and shown understanding of our needs and problems."

"I am profoundly shocked by the continuing and totally unjustified attacks on (Almogi) in the Israeli press," writes Rabbi Alexander Schindler, chairman of the Presidents Conference in the U.S., "and want to protest this undermining of confidence in your leadership."

Michael Sacher, a member of the Board from Great Britain, states "unequivocally" that he is distressed by reports that the recent London Board of Governors meeting was a "debacle" and calls them "one of the most constructive" he has ever attended.

Eric Moonman, chairman of the British Zionist Federation, writes that there is no rift between Almogi and the Zionist movement in the Diaspora. "In this year of solidarity, I can only deplore that there are people who would wish to divide Jews... by malicious gossip."

Meeting with reporters in Tel Aviv yesterday, Almogi refused to comment on the statements which have been made by Sarid and Hacohen. "I'm not new in this country," he said, "and I've been in political arguments before. I prefer not to say anything."

Yosef Almogi at yesterday's press conference in Tel Aviv. (Dekal)



Egged saves IL 100,000 by eliminating 45,000 kms.

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Egged cut its service yesterday by five per cent, reducing the distance travelled by its buses by 45,000 kms. and saving about IL100,000.

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The controller of Road Transport, Ya'acov Malca, requested a list of the cuts from Egged. He refused, telling him that he should go out on the roads and find out for himself where the cuts had been.

The Jerusalem Post learned from the Ministry that controllers were out yesterday, but as yet haven't reported any changes. The Post also learned that if these controllers do find any changes, the Ministry will sue Egged for not fulfilling its agreement with the Government.

Minister of Transport Gad Ya'acobi made a surprise visit to the Netanyahu Egged bus station where the station master showed him around.

2nd try for computer car-pools

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Transport Ministry is to start today on a second try at persuading Israeli motorists to form car-pools — an idea that failed when tried out a year after the Yom Kippur War.

Motorists in the populous triangle bounded by Netanya, Petah Tikva and Ashdod will be given special forms to fill out. These will be fed into a computer, which will then play matchmaker and try to find car-pools of motorists living in the same area, working in another same area, and having more or less the same working hours.

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Egged saves IL 100,000 by eliminating 45,000 kms.

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Egged cut its service yesterday by five per cent, reducing the distance travelled by its buses by 45,000 kms. and saving about IL100,000.

According to sources at the bus cooperative, Egged plans to continue service cuts and other economies in order to eliminate a daily deficit of IL600,000.

Ministry of Transport officials were out on the roads yesterday to see if there had been cuts and to learn if they inconvenienced the public.

According to Egged spokesman Raphael Rosenberg, they had also sent a computer, which will then play matchmaker and try to find car-pools of motorists living in the same area, working in another same area, and having more or less the same working hours.

The motorists will receive the names of their "computer partners" and it will be up to them to call each other up and tie the final knot.

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Murder suspects fight police

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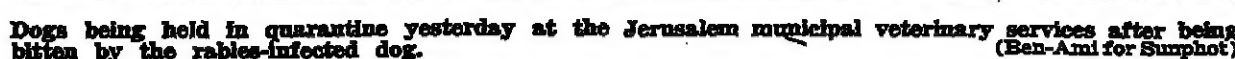
The father of one of the prisoners tried to convince them to enter the courtroom and explain all their demands there as lawyers can back and forth between the judge's chamber and the prison yards doing the same. But a few prisoners refused to obey police orders, and even those taken out to the latrines demanded to be taken back to their friends.

The prisoners cursed the Government, the police, sang prison songs and shouted to the journalists present about their alleged misery in Shatta. Sami Elkayam, who they described as their leader, — called out: "Treat us as you treat Asher Yadin. We are human beings like he is, and if he's getting special treatment, special food and being allowed to meet his girlfriend inside the lockup, why can't you do the same for us?"

After five hours of this police officers met with judges Theodore Orr, Almogor and Nathan Kleinberger and then decided to force the prisoners into the courtroom. The first prisoner to be dragged out of the car was Dov-Yosef Bashiri, 25, Bashiri, tattooed and ear-ringed, fought with the five policemen, who

Lower middle-income brackets are the target of another Tefahot programme; these are four to seven per cent redeemable investment notes, which range from \$30 to a maximum of \$300. While the interest is lower by one per cent than that granted by American savings banks, the latter generally require a minimum of several hundred dollars in such accounts, Eliges said. It is hoped these notes will attract small investors wishing to help boost Israel's foreign currency holdings.

"My intention is to protect you from irregularities... and to ensure efficient and responsible use of public funds," Yadin wrote in the guidelines.



Talpiot, Jerusalem

Kissinger's farewell talk Carter vows strong support for Nato

BRUSSELS. — U.S. President-elect Jimmy Carter yesterday reaffirmed the American commitment to the 15-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

"The American commitment to maintaining the Nato alliance shall be sustained and strengthened under my administration," he said in a message to Nato foreign ministers meeting here. The message was delivered by the outgoing U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

"Our Nato alliance lies at the heart of the partnership between North America and Western Europe," Carter said in one of his most important foreign policy statements since last month's American elections. "Nato is the essential instrument for enhancing our collective security."

Carter said that the alliance faces a number of challenges but "I have no doubt that these challenges shall be met." He said he was reaffirming his belief in Nato's ability to meet the challenges.

"I am convinced that Nato's mission and the North Atlantic Alliance are no less important today than when Nato was originally established," the brief message said.

Nato Secretary-General Joseph Luns said afterwards that Carter's address was "excellent." He added that "it is just what the alliance needed at this moment."

A source at the closed-door session said Kissinger, attending his last Nato session as Secretary of State, told the ministers in a farewell speech that the wish for a strong alliance and the desire to relax the economic strength of the Soviet Union had given it an increase in military power and that the Soviet military build-up was itself a threat even though no one could say what intentions lay behind it.

The source said Kissinger made these points:

- Weakening of the Palestine Liberation Organization and diminished Soviet influence in Syria have created good prospects for a settlement between Israel and the Arab States.

- The broad lines of U.S. foreign policy will be the same under the Carter administration as they have been under President Ford.

- Nato is the most important instrument of Western cooperation and should be used for more than just military purposes, but maintenance of the military balance between East and West should remain its top aim.

- The Soviet proposal to ban the first use of nuclear weapons would reduce the uncertainty that is an important part of deterring a Soviet attack.

- Communism is acquiring followers only in countries where the Communists aren't in power. The main thing that holds Eastern Europe together, in addition to sheer Soviet power, is a kind of petty bourgeois nationalism long out of date in Western countries.

- Nato should reject a Warsaw Pact proposal that the two blocs freeze their members. Keeping Nato open would eventually permit Spain to join.

In an interview published yesterday in Hamburg, West Germany, Kissinger said there were a few occasions during his tenure of office when he thought the danger of a world war was great. He mentioned the 1973 Arab-Israeli war.

"There was at least one night during the 1973 Yom Kippur war when I thought this danger existed," he said. "The strange thing is that I always knew I had done all that I could do."

He told the Nato correspondent of the "Bild Zeitung" newspaper that he believes the West can solve its problems and will not go Marxist.

Ugandan officers held for bid to abduct woman in London

LONDON. — British authorities said yesterday they had detained two Ugandan army officers who came here to take a Ugandan woman back to her country.

The "Evening News" reported the woman was Princess Elizabeth Bagaya, a former Ugandan Foreign Minister who has been living in exile in London since 1973, but the Home Office denied she was involved.

The Ugandans arrived at London's Heathrow Airport on Wednesday wearing civilian clothing and telling immigration authorities they were businessmen. But under questioning, they admitted that they were army officers and were found to have a passport in the woman's name. They admitted planning to escort her to Uganda, officials said.

The men were refused permission to enter Britain until police and Home Office officials could talk to the woman.

The Home Office and Scotland Yard declined to name her. But Press Association, Britain's domestic news agency, said she was Elizabeth Okite, 24, a shorthand typist who lives in North London.

The "Evening News" said that Princess Elizabeth, a woman in her mid-30s, has been living in London under the name Elizabeth Okite and working as a shorthand typist.

Princess Elizabeth was dis-



The princess and deposed Foreign Minister who may now be a typhoid, with Amin out to get her.

missed as Uganda's Foreign Minister in November, 1974, after President Idi Amin accused her of wasting government funds, posing for nude photographs and having sexual intercourse with a Western diplomat in a toilet at Parli's Only Airport.

She denied the charges, fled to neighbouring Kenya and came to London in the summer of 1975. The princess was educated in England at Sherborne School for Girls in Dorset County and then at Girton College, Cambridge.

(AP)

Mexican bandits halve ransom

MEXICO CITY. — The kidnappers of Mexican industrialist Isaac Amiké yesterday halved their ransom demand to \$m. pesos (\$122m.) and gave the family more time to produce the money.

The police, who believe the kidnappers are ordinary criminals, not an urban guerrilla group as

they had claimed — said they had agreed to wait until today for the money. The kidnappers, who grabbed Amiké at his factory on Monday, at first demanded the money within 48 hours. Relatives have asked the police not to interfere until he is safely released.

(Reuters)

Vietnam denies plans to invade Thailand

SINGAPORE. — Vietnam yesterday rejected as absurd Thai claims that it was planning to invade Thailand in two months time.

The official voice of Vietnam Radio described as "an absurdity" statements made by Thai Interior Minister Samak Sundharavej that the Vietnamese were looking for a chance to invade Thailand on February 16.

It said Samak's statement was to justify possible Thai attempts to reopen U.S. military bases in Thailand and "their extremely reactionary domestic and foreign policy."

"They also want to plead for more dollars and weapons from their U.S. master," the radio said.

Samak, who arrived here Wednesday for a two-day visit, said that pro-Vietnam refugees and military and right-wing forces had decided to organize industrial unrest in Thailand to pave the way for an invasion. He said the planned

crossing points for the invasion were through Burma in the north, Chongmek near the Laotian border and through Aranyaprathet near the Cambodian border.

He said the Vietnamese invasion plan was contained in captured Communist documents and he also had clear evidence that weapons and tanks were being stockpiled at the three crossing points.

Thailand, however, reacted calmly to Samak's statement about the planned invasion. There was no visible evidence that the government was putting itself on a war footing by sending more troops to the Burmese, Laotian and Cambodian borders.

The statement came as a complete surprise to foreign diplomats who said it reflected known Thai military and right-wing fears about Hanoi's intentions since the Communist victories in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos last year. (Reuters)

U.S. Viet veterans find another war in Rhodesia

By ROBIN WRIGHT

WASHINGTON Post. SALISBURY. — They have come from all corners of the U.S., but they have two things in common: they are all Vietnam veterans and they have all come to Rhodesia looking for another war.

They are the Americans in the Rhodesian army, now known among locals as "The Other American Connection," who have become an increasingly important factor in Rhodesia's campaign against the rapidly escalating, four-year-old guerrilla war. They are currently estimated to number about 400, with army officers boasting that enquiries and applications are increasing daily.

The troubled Southern African territory does not have enough white manpower to lead black troops in a guerrilla campaign. All white, coloured (mixed race) and Asian men between 18 and 35 have already been drafted and blacks are not eligible for call up.

So the army has increasingly turned to recruiting what it calls "foreign volunteers" — what others call mercenaries — to help hold off guerrillas now penetrating deep into all four corners of the country from bases in Mozambique, Botswana and Zambia. There are estimated to be a total of about 1,000 foreigners in the Rhodesian army.

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The motives vary: "I came to Rhodesia six months ago because I believe our policy toward Rhodesia is all wrong," explained a 30-year-old captain from Alabama. "This country is important to us and one of the few friends we have in Africa, yet we are doing everything possible to ruin it."

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IN BRIEF

Bombs near Lisbon

LISBON. — A bomb damaged water conduit near here yesterday, cutting off nine-tenths of the supply to Lisbon's one million inhabitants. Three days ago bomb explosions cut Lisbon's two main suburban railway lines, derailing one train and forcing more than 100,000 people to walk to work. Police say they do not know who is responsible for the attacks, which have taken place in various parts of the country for about a year.

Hostage freed

PALESTINE. — Kidnappers released Milan businessman Vittorio Colombo in the Calabrian Mountains here Wednesday night, after holding him more than two months. Colombo, 42, a building contractor, had been held at near-starvation conditions and was weak after the ordeal, police said. He was abducted from his office near Milan on September 29. It was not clear whether ransom was paid for his release.

\$43m. embezzlement

TEHRAN. — A former Iranian Deputy Minister of Trade was arrested yesterday on charges of embezzling \$43m. Hussein Alshadeh was accused of purchasing 23 ships of sugar, higher than market prices from British company, Tait and Loe, Greco International, according to an Iranian government statement. The scheme allegedly included forging documents on another 150,000 tons of sugar.

Belgian change

BRUSSELS. — The shaky coalition of Premier Leo Tindemans was reaffirmed on Wednesday. For the fifth time in 31 months, a vote to become next year's budget in the House of Representatives today should give a sufficient majority.

Troubles for Tindemans's coalition came from the smallest partner, the Christian Democrats, who claim to have an absolute majority.

Princely exchange. Prince Andrew, second in succession to the British throne, will attend Lakeland College, a school near Peterborough, Ontario, starting January 6.

Prince Andrew, 16, will follow a full programme of studies at the school, which will be boarding and spring terms and will be boarding at the school, an official announcement said. The prince now attends Gordonstoun, a school in Scotland, which has a student-exchange arrangement with Lakeland.

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Scandal that Japan couldn't swallow

SUNDAY'S VOTE FOR the Lower House of the Japanese Diet, in which the ruling Liberal Democratic Party lost its absolute majority for the first time in 21 years, provides a prism through which to view changing Japanese attitudes on the link between politics and morality.

Although there has been a long-term drop in the vote for the LDP, there can be little doubt that this week's vote, in which Japan's ruling party dropped from 271 seats in the Lower House to 249, was the result of a string of financial scandals topped by the Lockheed Bribe Scandal. The parties which gained from the LDP's loss were not the main Socialist opposition party or the Communists but the smaller Komeito (a Buddhist "Clean Government" list) and the New Liberal Club, a group of young LDP parliament members who broke away from the Lockheed scandal. This latter group increased its representation from five to 17 even though it only fielded 25 candidates.

The scandals began with the forced resignation of popular Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, two years ago, under a cloud of dubious personal finances and dealings which were too much even for the LDP, whose power has long been based on a hand-in-glove relationship with big business. Informed opinion in Japan, however, rejected the possibility that this spelled the end to Tanaka's flamboyant political career. He continues to remain a power in the LDP, and was handsomely re-elected to his Diet seat.

Tanaka's re-election was an echo of a similar performance in 1948. At that time, while a freshman Diet member, he was briefly jailed after being convicted on charges of accepting a one million yen bribe from coal-mine owners. The conviction was reversed in a higher court which accepted doctored evidence. The important point, however, is that while still in prison, Tanaka fled for re-election — and won.

It is doubtful that Tanaka's 1974 resignation would by itself have brought about a significant shift in this week's vote. It took

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the Lockheed scandal to do that. The bribes paid by officials of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation have caused political tremors in high places in the Netherlands and in Italy. In Japan, the scandal involved payment of \$12m. to various business and political officials, apparently including Tanaka, in return for decisions to prefer Lockheed planes.

I had an opportunity to ask numerous Japanese politicians, academics and journalists what made the Lockheed scandal different in a society in which the passing of large sums of money constituted the grease which made the political and business systems run.

The unanimous answer revolved around two aspects of the affair and a changing Japanese social reality:

- The large sums involved. \$12m. is more than three billion yen, which is enough to take one's breath away even among a pragmatic Japanese electorate. Political observers in Japan were convinced that it was highly unlikely that Tanaka or the other heads of the LDP had actually kept much of the money for themselves. In all likelihood, I was told, the money was spread widely to buy and shore up political support. Nonetheless, the new order of magnitude made it difficult to hush up the affair.

- The reports did not emerge from Japan but from a U.S. Senate sub-committee investigating the Lockheed Corporation. Had it been up to the Japanese it may well have been hushed up. Coming as it did from the U.S. Senate hearings, it was impossible to do that.

At this point, apparently a sense of shame began to work. The world-wide propagation of news that such bribes had been paid to leading actors in the Japanese political system created a feeling among growing circles of Japanese politicians, intellectuals and journalists, that Japan's name had been put to shame.

The Japanese penchant for copying — the American democratic system, modern technologies, golf and baseball, to mention only a few examples — was apparently also applied to the new Watergate atmosphere in the U.S. This factor should not be written off in regard to the new educated generation of Japanese. One must remember that over 90 per cent of the Japanese are high school graduates and a full 40 per cent have been to college. Such higher education is no guarantor of a mass switch to moralistic attitudes but it apparently did have more than just a marginal effect in that direction.

The order of magnitude is important here. The fact remains that the large plurality of the Japanese electorate continued to vote for the LDP despite the scandals. It is equally true that the large majority of the LDP strongly opposed the attempts of Premier Tanaka to proceed with a further unravelling of the distribution of the Lockheed money to LDP power brokers and even to leaders of other parties.

In all likelihood Miki will not be the next premier. The party is sure to blame him for its losses. Miki gambled on the popularity of his reformer image with the electorate — and seems to have lost.

In Japan — as in Israel — it will be impossible to establish a government without the largest, but no longer majority, party, the LDP. The opposition is too dissipated, and too small, to provide an immediate alternative. Many opposition leaders are awaiting next June's elections to the Upper House. But it is doubtful that those elections will displace the LDP. Japan, it would seem, is slated to enter a period of weak coalition government, specifically at a time when a beleaguered economic future demands strong government.

The more westernized moral minority, as evinced in this week's vote, may well presage changes in Japan's politics as the newer post-World War II generation of Japanese take over from the old-timers in what has been one of the world's most obvious age-oriented societies.

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Yeshurun Synagogue: Today: Mincha
4.30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 4.30 p.m.
Shabbat: Shabbat 4.30 a.m. Mincha G'dola
12.45 p.m. Mincha 4.15 p.m. Mincha S'vura
4.35 p.m. Arvit 5.15 p.m.
Hechal Shlomo: Today: Mincha 4.25 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 4.40 p.m. Tomorrow:
Shabbat 4.50 a.m. Mincha 4.15 p.m. Arvit
5.15 p.m.

Ha'ananah Synagogue (Hechal Shlomo):
Today: 4.20 p.m. Shabbat: 4.30 a.m.
Beit Hillel for Students and Youth
(Hechal Shlomo): Today: 4.25 p.m. Shab-
bat: 4.30 a.m.

Zomet V'Emuna (Rehov Marks 1):
Today: 4.20 p.m. Shabbat: 4.30 a.m.
Schervitz Synagogue: Today: 4.20 p.m. Shab-
bat: 4.30 a.m. Tomorrow: 4.30 p.m. Shab-
bat: 4.30 a.m.

Italian Synagogue (Rehov Hillel):
Friday: Mincha 4.20 p.m. Shabbat: 4.30
a.m.

Rahab Leshvith Synagogue (Rehov Hillel):
Today: 4.20 p.m. Shabbat: 4.30 a.m.
Hadarom: Today: 4.20 p.m. Shabbat: 4.30
a.m.

Seaphard Synagogue (Old City):
Today: 4.20 p.m. Shabbat: 4.30 a.m.
Shabbat: 4.30 a.m. Tomorrow: 4.30 p.m. Shab-
bat: 4.30 a.m.

Yeshivat Hakotel (Old City): Today: Mincha
4.15 p.m. Traditional march to the
Wall followed by Kabbalat Shabbat, 4.45
p.m. Arvit (at the Synagogue), 5.30 p.m.
Tomorrow: Shabbat, 7.00 a.m. Mincha, 12.30
p.m.

Congregation Beit Israel of Yehuda
Moshe (Rehov Pele Yotz, near Wind-
mill): Today: 4.20 p.m. Shabbat: 4.30 a.m.
Shabbat: 4.30 a.m. Tomorrow: 4.30 p.m. Shab-
bat: 4.30 a.m.

Jewish Theological Seminary of
America (New Schectel): Today: 4.20
p.m. Shabbat: 4.30 a.m.

Beit Knesset Mercal, Tzicheli: (14
Rehov Hovevei Zion, Tzicheli): Today:
4.20 p.m.

Har-El Synagogue (Progressive
Judaism), 15 Rehov Shmuel Hagadol, near
Bezael Museum: Today: 4.20 p.m. Ser-
mon: Rabbi A.C. Zaoui. Shabbat: 4.30
a.m.

World Council of Synagogues (Conser-
vative) Rehov Agmon 4: Today: 4.30 p.m.
Shabbat: 4.30 a.m. Sermons:
Rabbi Yosef Green.

Congregation Beit Zion (Old City):
Today: 4.20 p.m. Shabbat: 4.30 a.m.
Shabbat: 4.30 a.m. Tomorrow: 4.30 p.m. Shab-
bat: 4.30 a.m.

Alumim Synagogue (9 Rehov Paran,
Ramat HaKhal): Today: 4.20 p.m.
Tomorrow: 4.30 a.m. Mincha 12.30
& 4.30 p.m. daily services 6 & 7 a.m. Ser-
mon and Shema by Rabbi Simon A.
Dolgin.

The Jerusalem Academy of Jewish
Studies/Yeshivat Dvar Yerushalayim (9
Rehov Hayeshiva): Today: Mincha 4.15
p.m. Dvar Torah in Hebrew and English.
Tomorrow: Shabbat 7.15 a.m. Mincha 9.45
p.m.

Congregation Migdal HaShacharim (22
Rehov Piner): Today: Mincha 4.20 p.m.
Shabbat: Shabbat 4.30 a.m. Pirkel Avot
(English) by Mr. Samson Kropchik.
Mincha 4.15 p.m. followed by Lesson in
Talmud by Rabbi Mordecai Twersky.

Young Israel (28 Rehov Ben Tzion, Givat
Shaul): Today: 4.20 p.m. Kabbalat Shab-
bat 4.30 a.m. Shabbat: Shabbat, 4.30 a.m.
Mincha 4.15 p.m.

Young Israel Sanhedria Murochvet
(behind the Shopping Centre): Today:
4.20 p.m. Tomorrow: Shabbat, 4.30 a.m.
Mincha 4.15 p.m.

Young Israel (Rehov Bar Yochai, 47,
Katamon): Today: 4.20 p.m. Shabbat:
Shabbat, 4.30 a.m.

Hebrew Union College Jewish
Institute of Religion (Rehov David
Hamelech 13): Shabbat 10 a.m.

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The Great Synagogue (110 Allenby
Road): Shabbat: Shabbat, 4.15 p.m.
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4.30 p.m. Shabbat: Shabbat, 4.30 p.m.
Shabbat: Shabbat, 4.30 p.m.

Beit Shalom (Beit Hamoreh Nathan
Strauss 50): Today: Mincha 4.20 p.m.
Shabbat: Shabbat 4.30 a.m. Mincha 4.20 p.m.
Kehilat Shalom (Conservative) Beit Brit
House, 10 Rehov Kaplan, corner
Hermann: Shabbat: Shabbat, 4.30 a.m.
Parashat HaShavua: Rabbi Moshe Koval.
Beit Knesset Gendai Tzicheli (Rehov

Adat Shalom Synagogue (Conservative,
Beit Brit Hall, 12 Rehov Harel): Today:
4.30 p.m. Shabbat: Shabbat 4.30 a.m. Ser-
mon: Rabbi Meir Yidi.

Kehilat Ets Hayim — Conservative
(Rehov School, Ezer Daled, next to Magen
David Adom): Today: 4.30 p.m. Shabbat:
4.30 a.m. Sermons: Rabbi Robert Liberman.

Shabbat: Shabbat, 4.30 a.m. Sermons:
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Moshe Synagogue (Conservative) (7
Rehov Harel, Tel Aviv): Today: 4.15 p.m.
Shabbat: Shabbat, 4.30 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi
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Young Israel (Rehov Harel): Today: 4.30
p.m. Shabbat: Shabbat, 4.30 a.m. Sermon:
Rabbi Yehuda Halevi.

Young Israel (24 Rehov Hanotrim):
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Mercas Baal Melacha 15: Today: 6.00
p.m. Shabbat: Shabbat, 4.30 a.m.
Kehilat Ets Hayim (Progressive
Judaism, Machon Haret, 28a Rehov
Ha'Univertat): Today: 6.00 p.m. Ser-
mon: Mrs. Yehuda Halevi.
Kehilat Ets Hayim (Progressive, 20
Rehov Carlebach): Today: 6.00 p.m. Ser-
mon: Shabbat, 4.30 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi
Moshe Zevulun.

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MUSIC AND MUSICIANS / Yohanan Boehm

Britten: original and productive

BENJAMIN BRITTEN will go down in history as one of the very few 20th century composers who never used avant-garde techniques — no atonality, no electronics, no serialism or other-lams — but nevertheless always found an original yet comprehensible approach to musical problems. Deeply steeped in English folklore, his music has recognizable national values without ever becoming nationalistic or chauvinistic.

In Israel, Britten is best known for his charming "Simple Symphony," written at the age of 12, and, of course, his "Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra." This work based on a theme by Purcell, which introduces all the orchestral instruments in the form of variations and ends in a monumental fugue, has reached millions of young people through records, TV and film. Apart from its educational value, "The Guide" is a musical work for concert hall in its own right. Britten's "War Requiem," composed in 1962, was first performed in 1962 to celebrate the dedication of the new Coventry Cathedral (destroyed by German bombers in World War II) and became a medium for peace and international understanding. It was performed by the IPO some years ago.

Of his vocal music, Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" has been performed here by visiting ensembles, and his "Gloriana" music and, in particular, the song cycle "Les Illuminations," are on repertoire. Unfortunately, his operas are quite unknown in Israel — only the "Four Seasons Interludes" from "Peter Grimes" appear frequently on programmes. Lesser works, like Spring Symphony, the Frank Bridge Variations, chamber music, songs and other orchestral works with or without solo instruments have been heard here, and it is to be hoped that we may now hear more of his compositions in order to deepen and prolong our memory of a great composer cut down too early in his creative life.



Some young players in rehearsal.

For many years, the Israel Festival's Director, A. Z. Propper, had tried to get Britten to accept a commission for a work on a Biblical subject to be premiered at the Israel Festival. But Britten always declined on the grounds of being too busy with other works. And, indeed, he poured out a never interrupted string of compositions — in all forms and on many different subjects —

though in latter years illness slowed down considerably his inventiveness. For collectors of Judaica, the only mention of a Biblical subject is his oratorio, "Samuel," which includes "an angry Arie in C Minor for God," which he wrote at the age of... nine.

LITTLE is known here about musical life in South Africa, and

even less of educational endeavours among the young. The forthcoming "pilgrimage" of a large group of "musicians" and their parents from the Johannesburg studio of Betty Pack may give us a welcome opportunity to fill in the gap in our knowledge. The players, their age ranging from 11 (one is even only nine) to 23, are organized in several groups: a Senior Cello Orchestra of 15, a Junior Cello Orchestra of 12 players, the South Africa Chamber Orchestra with 17, the Junior Chamber Orchestra with 20, and the Children's Chamber Orchestra with 30 players, also broken up into trios, quartets, and quintets for the purpose of performing chamber music. Repertoire is mostly from the Baroque and Classical periods, but there is also some Bridge, Bartok and South African composers.

About 75 per cent of the orchestra are Afrikaners, the rest English and Jewish. The various groups and ensembles travel almost every weekend cross-country from Johannesburg to bring their music to isolated communities. Some 30 parents will accompany the orchestra, which will perform in various combinations all over the country — in Jerusalem, kibbutzim, Beersheva, Eliat, Arad, Haifa, Tel Aviv, and, of course, for Christmas in Bethlehem. A big "Marathon" at the end of their tour will be given at the Jerusalem Theatre on Dec. 25 (for other dates see "Poster").

THE "ZIMRIAH" celebrates its tenth gathering next July 1977 and is looking for a special "Zimriah Anthem." Details in Jan. 1977, for details apply to the Secretariat, the Zimriah: Tel Aviv, POB 23834, tel. 03-54633.

The Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Competition, has selected as its prize-winning work for piano to be played as an obligatory piece at next April's contest the composition submitted by Shulamit Ran, an Israeli residing for the last few years in the United States.

CINEMA REVIEWS

Some nasty happenings

THE REINCARNATION OF PETER FROUD (Orly, Tel Aviv). Peter Froud (Michael Sarrazin), a professor of history, is troubled by a strange, recurring dream in which he is a man called Jeff who is murdered by his wife, Marcia. Peter's girl friend (Cornelia Sharpe) tells him that he speaks in his sleep with a voice not his own. After undergoing tests by a parapsychologist (Paul Hecht), Froud is convinced that he really was Jeff in a former existence. After gleaning certain clues as to time and place, he decides to spend his holiday following them up.

While it is doubtful whether anyone seeing the film would be induced to believe in reincarnation, the story of Froud's search for confirmation of his belief is exciting on the thriller level. It is helped by excellent performances from Margot Kidder as Marcia and Jennifer O'Neill as her daughter, Anne. Directed by J. Lee Thompson. Scenario by Max Erlich from his novel.

The Little Girl Who Lived Down the Lane (Limor, Tel Aviv). After Jodie Foster's success as the 13-year-old prostitute in "Taxi Driver," it was inevitable that her unusual teenage talent should be exploited. Here she plays another disquieting character, that of Ronnie Jacobs, a 13-year-old who has taken to heart her father's dictum that at all costs she must look after her own interests.

The scene is a small American country town (actually the film was shot in Canada), a placid background for some very nasty happenings. The development of the story (written by Laird Koenig) is difficult to accept as realistic, but at all costs she must look after her own interests. However, attention is held by wondering what is going to happen next. Jodie Foster almost makes one believe that such a bad seed could flourish.

The film was directed by Nicolas Gessner with a somewhat heavy hand and was produced by Ray Braum. The cast includes Martin Sheen, Alexis Smith and young Scott Jacob.

MUSIC REVIEW / Yohanan Boehm

Inspired baton

THE JERUSALEM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, conducted by Sergiu Comissiona, will give its 10th concert on Friday, December 10, at the Israel Festival.

THE MAGIC WAND of guest conductor Sergiu Comissiona transformed the orchestra at this concert. The strings had an unusually rich and beautiful sonority, the wind section appeared closely concentrated and well balanced, general attention was better than customary, and, consequently, the performances conveyed an atmosphere of stimulating music-making by an extremely good orchestra. And all this Comissiona achieved without undue movement on the podium. Giving expressive indications when required but restraining himself when things go smoothly, Comissiona's technique is neither conservative nor too showy. His concentration and drive led the musicians to give of their best, and this was very impressive indeed.

Nature's Suite, a work of his youthful student days, reflects his respect for Bach and his own acquired technique in counterpoint. It is a well-constructed and stylish composition which makes hearing it an immediate pleasure. The conductor extracted every ounce of contrast and movement from the score, and his interpretation paid tribute to the composer in the best possible manner.

As a tribute to memory of Benjamin Britten, the orchestra played an unscheduled reading of the Sarabande from the "Simple Symphony." Under the baton of Sergiu Comissiona, this youthful piece acquired new dimensions and sounded like a lament for the great

composer. Orchestra and audience stood to observe a moment's silence and the result was an impressive expression of bereavement.

The programme resumed with Prokofiev's Concerto No. 1, in which Lydia Mordkovich took over the part at very short notice (Schwartzberg had been scheduled to play but cancelled suddenly the day before). Miss Mordkovich, a very gifted violinist (a student of late David Oistrakh), and mastered the difficult Prokofiev remarkably well. She is somewhat shy, which does not help a violinist deliver musical lines above the sound of the orchestra or express whole range of emotions, but her passages to best advantage, and obviously greatly handicapped, not having a good instrument share deserves to be given a chance to come to full bloom.

Tchaikovsky's "Mantle" Symphony is rarely performed, and the first time I had heard it here. It is very emotional, very drawn out, and not always of the highest quality. Indeed, it is easily become boring, but with treatment given it by Sergiu Comissiona it turned into a very interesting and provocative work. The Venice Concert was a really a tour de force performance, which has rarely reached such a level of brilliance in its playing. The orchestra deserves credit for its performance, but Sergiu Comissiona to whom we owe admiration and full acclaim for inspired musicianship.

CHESS / Eliahu Shahar

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The Vaduz syndrome

THE KNESSET has just extended the tax concessions granted to Israel Corporation B. Indeed, the scope of the law now extends to any corporation that mobilises capital to the tune of \$30 million.

But it has now been revealed to this newspaper that three foreign companies who invested in Israel Corporation B — two based in Vaduz and one registered in Panama — are actually controlled or owned by Aharon Rubinstein, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Israel Corporation B, who is now under investigation for tax fraud.

If the information about these remarkable investments was known to the authorities — as must have been the case if it came from documents found on the body of the late William Robinson and from disclosures made by his son — then the question arises: Why was this information not made available to the Knesset Finance Committee before the new Investment Law was submitted? Or is it again, as in the Yadin case, that Mr. Rubinstein himself was not informed?

Moreover, when a foreign company invests in the Israel Corporation, be it Corporation B or A, is not that Corporation morally bound to check who is behind such benevolent Liechtenstein or Panamanian companies? Israel is hard-pressed for money, but surely there are limits to the rule that "money has no smell."

The reported transactions imply that Israel Corporation B has probably been made an accessory after the fact to a conspiracy of tax evasion, foreign currency smuggling, and, to boot, the laundering of this black capital on the extremely favourable terms which the Investment Law just passed grants to the shareholders of the Corporation.

Our backbiting habit

A STRANGE THING has happened to Israel's diplomatic initiative in the General Assembly this week. In the outside world the response has ranged from welcome consternation (among foes) to appreciative applause (among friends). Yet among Israelis the typical reaction to Ambassador Herzog's simple call for an early resumption of the Geneva peace talks in their original format has been characterized by sourness, suspicion, and downright destructiveness.

Surely Cabinet ministers, of all people, could have been expected to bury their personal and ideological hatchets at this time, and close ranks in support of the initiative. At the very least they should have refrained from undermining it. Yet that is precisely what Defence Minister Shimon Peres did in an address to the Presidents Conference in New York on Wednesday.

Had Mr. Peres contented himself with the observation that a premature meeting in Geneva might easily produce disappointment, and therefore prove to be a setback to peace hopes, he would not have fanned for keenness of analysis, although quite possibly for discretion. For his words — which he must have known would at once be leaked to the press — suggested something less than full backing for the Government's stated policy in favour of an early — though not necessarily a hasty — return to Geneva.

But the Defence Minister went on to ridicule, in this connection, what he termed the temptation "to run after headlines" in the "New York Times" by competing with President Sadat's "peace offensive." This remark was clearly aimed at the minor campaign then being waged by Israel's mission to the UN — on instructions of Foreign Minister Yigal Allon. If nothing else, it represented the most dubious contribution lately made by any Israeli leader to the credibility of Israeli diplomacy.

And at home former Ambassador Yosef Tekoa seems to have gained a wide hearing for his argument that by this action Israel lent its own stamp of legitimacy to the General Assembly's claim of right to dictate terms of settlement in the Middle East.

Yet the whole intent of the resolution tabled by Mr. Herzog was to underline Israel's contention that the Assembly's competence is limited to endorsing the peace efforts of the parties concerned. On the other hand, if the mere submission of an Israeli draft, regardless of its content, does in fact have such dire consequences, then so does Israeli lobbying against hostile resolutions; and the only remedy is total Israeli boycott of General Assembly activities. This has not so far been seriously suggested by anyone.

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DAVAT (Hizdruv) on the Israeli draft resolution at the UN, says that in future the tactical side of such a move should be carefully examined beforehand. The resolution itself was good from the propaganda aspect, being a logical continuation to the Prime Minister's call at the Socialist International conference for a Helsinki-style conference for the Middle East. Yet obviously, from the outset, it never stood a chance. Moreover, the very fact that Israel tried to sponsor a resolution might be interpreted as a "legitimation" of various anti-Israel resolutions passed by the Assembly in the past. The American anger at the move

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MADRID. — Scene One. May 1975. For the first time in 500 years a Spanish monarch visited a Jewish house of worship here: Queen Sophia, who maintains warm ties with the Spanish-Jewish community of 12,000, made a speech in Madrid's 10-year-old synagogue. Then, suddenly, her slated religious freedom speech was cancelled. The visit had favourable impact abroad but left a lingering question. Scene Two. December 1975. The grey jeeps carrying uniformed Policía Armada hovered around Madrid's Castellana Hotel where the World Jewish Congress meeting was taking place, the most important Jewish event in Spain in 500 years. Amid Palestinian protest demonstrations and a reported Arab diplomatic offensive spearheaded by Libya, a Spanish Justice Ministry representative failed to show up to make his scheduled speech, citing "government business." The Foreign Ministry later told Arab diplomats that the meeting was a "private act" arranged by the Jewish community, which had completed needed formalities. The Ministry stressed that Spain's feeling towards the Arabs and the Palestinian cause remained unchanged.

Later, when it seemed that Juan Carlos was in a delicate position, the W.J.C. withdrew its request to meet the King. Spanish diplomatic sources say that pre-publicity for the event caused stiff backlash within the government. Some saw it as an attempt to put pressure on Spain to advance its timetable for recognizing Israel.

THE LATE General Francisco Franco is credited with having saved 60,000-100,000 Jews. Despite sympathy for Nazi Germany, Franco saved many Sephardic Jews by issuing Spanish passports and demanding that the Nazis give "the Spaniards" free passage. He also invoked an 1893 French-Spanish protection agreement to save French Jews. In 1944 his brother Nicholas collaborated with the W.J.C. to halt Greek deportations. And Franco refused to apply the Nazi Nuremberg laws in Spain.

The Spanish Foreign Ministry proudly displays a 1944 W.J.C. resolution thanking El Caudillo for "the refuge which Spain granted the Jews from territories under German military occupation. The Jewish race has a good memory and will not easily forget the opportunity allowed thousands of its brethren to save their lives."

After World War II, Israel joined international efforts to isolate Spain, whose Blue Division fought alongside the Nazis on the Russian front. In 1955, it voted against Spain's admission to the U.N. An Arab bloc formed behind Spain, which Madrid welcomed, since it was nervous about Moroccan intentions over the Spanish Sahara, and its enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla in North Africa. Madrid hoped the Arabs would support its efforts to regain Gibraltar from the British. It also sought to establish diplomatic relations with Israel.

During the 1967 war, Spain assured Cairo and Damascus that it backed the Arabs, "to whom Spain feels bound by historic ties," and it supported the Third World UN resolution demanding that Israel withdraw from "occupied territories." The

Strong Arab pressure delays Spanish-Israel ties

It seems clear that the once-timid voices in Spain urging diplomatic ties with Israel will ultimately win out: the question is when. Joe Gandelman reports.

government-controlled press hailed the Arab leaders' "moderation," denounced Israel's "provocative" acts, and labelled Israel "the Fourth Reich." When Israel obtained on Gibraltar, Spain's UN delegate compared it to Nazi Germany.

In the 1973 conflict it also backed the Arabs and was angered when the Americans indirectly used Spanish-based U.S. tankers. But pro-Israel sentiment grew among the public and army. A Roman Catholic daily pointed out Israel's "deep cultural and ethnic ties with the Spanish people," such as the Castilian-derived language of Israel's Sephardic Jews.

TODAY, some Spanish diplomats privately say the same thing, but feel that Spain at this time "cannot afford" relations with Israel. Early this year, then-Foreign Minister Jose Maria Arellano tried to make the move but encountered fierce Arab resistance.

Arellano assured the Arabs that Spain would remain "absolutely faithful" to its UN votes, but noted that relations would restore national dignity, and Spain's "black legend," and open possibilities for Spanish-Israeli scientific cooperation.

The Arabs were angered, especially over reports that Israel might obtain de facto recognition. Like various East European countries, via "commercial representation."

PLO political chief Yassir Arafat later met Arellano, and some reports said it was a less-than-friendly encounter.

During Arellano's 1975 tenure, Israel's official paper "al-Thawra" warned that Spain's establishing relations "with the Zionist state" would not be "in the same category" as European nations that already had ties with both Israel and the Arabs: "If the Spanish state takes such a decision its results would be... negative (to) Arab-Spanish relations." The Arabs see Spanish-Israeli relations as international "strike breaking-breaking Israel's 'isolation' in Unesco and other world bodies."

NEVERTHELESS, Madrid clearly seeks what President Foreign Minister Marcelino Oreja (an Arellano disciple) calls "the de-ideologization" of foreign policy. It seems clear that the once-timid voices in Spain urging diplomatic ties will ultimately win out — the question is when.

Mak Martin, president of the Judeo-Christian Friendship Society, says that relations would restore national dignity, and Spain's "black legend," and open possibilities for Spanish-Israeli scientific cooperation.

And a leading opposition Independent, lawyer Jose Maria Aznar, wrote in the monarchist Madrid daily "A.B.C.": "To recognize the Israeli reality is urgent. The two

countries in Europe that... recognized it are Spain and an ultra-communist nation... population is 50 per cent... But the main stumbling... the energy crisis, which... country's economy today... oil price-like severely... technocrat-engineered "economic miracle," achieved in 1968-70, the growth rate, at 7 per cent, second only to Japan's. A 1975 surplus of \$500 million became a billion deficit, one of the largest in the world.

In October, in order to trim a billion off bill, Madrid reduced limits, ordered, television transmissions to end by 11.30 and reduced the capital's night illumination by half. Today the ar does the shadow of the producing nations' oil and trade links.

Spain is the Arab bloc's most important trading partner, second to the U.S. It is involved from over \$20 million in the favour with Saudi Arabia over a million. Spain's oil comes from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. The Arabs wished, they could trade, cut off the oil, and "liberation" movements in the few remaining North African possessions.

AFTER MR. NAVON met with Carlon he said he feared a Spanish-Israeli relations "with the 30 bit more." With high inflation, unemployment, and workers' strike, higher wages Spain is damaging Arab backlash — some if it recognized Israel's "wrong time."

The right time, knowledgeable U.S. sources predict, could be their own-mooted Arab-Israeli talks. The talks go smoothly. But stress that it is not the internal pressure or pressure groups that decide on the timing, but Spain's

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as "The King's Party," most notable of them Winston Churchill who had not yet, however, reached the dominant position he was later to occupy. It was Churchill, according to UPI, who edited the king's moving farewell broadcast and added some of its most trenchant phrases.

Hardly any of the protagonists in the drama of 1936 are still alive. Edward himself died of cancer in Paris in May 1972. The Duchess of Windsor, now a frail 80, rarely leaves her Paris home where she sees only a few close friends. Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, widow of George VI, opposed the granting of royal rank to Mrs. Simpson. She is said to have felt that her shy and stammering husband's life had been shortened by being forced, through Edward's abdication, to ascend the throne.

Windsor himself once answered his critics: "I reject the notion that, faced with a choice between love and duty I chose love. I certainly married because I chose the path of love, but I abdicated because I chose the path of duty. I did not value the Crown so lightly that I gave it away hastily. I valued it so deeply that I surrendered it rather than risk any impairment of its prestige."

WHO SAYS that the days of the "bottle post" are over and that you have to be a shipwrecked sailor stranded on a desert island to try this form of communication? Ordinary mail takes an unconscionable time, anyway, and our two sons, 14-year-old Arye and 12-year-old Shimon, decided to give the bottle mail a go while we were on our way from Haifa to Venice aboard the Greek line "Apollonia" this past summer.

Some hours after passing through the Corinth Canal on July 7, they each "mailed" a bottle, containing greetings in Hebrew, English and German, to the finders, and added their Tel Aviv address.

One bottle took just under three weeks to reach Lecce on the heel of the boat of Italy. It was found by Signor Dante de Santis who recently reciprocated the greetings — in Italian, French and English. Not so bad when a letter from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem can take a week or more to be delivered — and has to be stamped.

The second bottle was fished out of the Adriatic on the beach at Budva, a Yugoslav holiday resort south of Dubrovnik, on October 11 by a family of German tourists from Hamburg. Last week we received warm greetings from Verena and Hans Kreymann and their two sons, Steffen (16) and Matthias (11). Matthias, in particular, was thrilled by the adventure.

So try the bottle mail next time you travel. Just be sure the bottle is dry inside and that the cork fits tightly.

READERS' LETTERS

MARCIA FREEDMAN ABROAD
 To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, — Though Marcia Freedman M.K. must certainly be considered in the political and ideological minority in Israel and is recognized as a critic of many of the policies of the present Israeli Government, her visit had a unique positive effect on behalf of Zionism in Israel that many "establishment" Israelis cannot achieve.

Ms. Freedman, while emphasizing

the fact that many of her views are in the minority in Israel, gave eloquent verbal and personal testimony to the belief that a socially conscious Jew can be fulfilled and have a unique impact on his people and world history only by casting his lot with the citizens of Israel by making aliya. By emphasizing this point in most of the places in which she spoke, it was made clear to Jewish and non-Jewish listeners alike that, on the basic assumption of Zionism, aliya and the insistence on security for the State of Israel, even "doves," "radicals," "feminists" and "disenters" share a common consensus which cannot be undermined by outside parties, be they Arabs, Diaspora Jewish elite or United States Government leaders.

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RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA
 To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, — I quote your diplomatic reporter (November 25): "Israel's relations with South Africa are understood to be under periodic evaluation, and the feeling in Jerusalem apparently is that some of the vicious attacks recently against this country at the UN and elsewhere in the context of ties with Pretoria, could be prevented from recurring if Israel plays these ties in a minor key."

I hope this is not the feeling in Jerusalem, because it is a miserable and cowardly feeling. The fear of how the world will react if we state our rights and our position boldly has not gained us many friends during the past 30 years.

Ra'anana. **H. LIEBSON**

JEWISH STUDENTS FROM ABROAD
 To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, — For several years now, Jewish students from abroad have been given grants to study at Israeli universities. They get a great deal without having to give anything in return. I wonder whether this is good policy?

I do not know what percentage of Jewish students from abroad have remained in the country and assumed all the duties of Israeli citizens after completing their studies, but my impression is that their numbers are small. And I ask myself, what can be the impact of this on Israeli youth? I mean, the realization that Jewish youth from abroad comes to Israel to get and not to give.

I have heard frequent complaints from Jewish students from abroad that local youth are not interested in them, and integration is consequent-

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